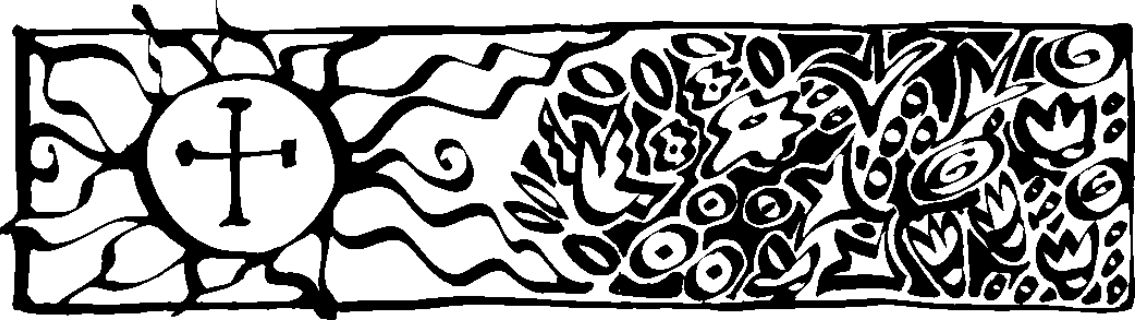


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

May 3, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Fifth
Sunday of
Easter



PRELUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Come Christians Join to Sing

F.C. Maker
arr. Mark Hayes

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS

WORDS: Latin hymn, 5th c.; tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866), alt.
MUSIC: Trier manuscript, 15th c.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621);
harm. George R. Woodward (1848-1934)

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright,
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed;
3 O Je - sus, strong in gen - tle - ness,
4 Come, ris - en Christ, with us a - bide

the sun shone out with fair - er light,
 his wound - ed hands and feet he showed;
 come now your - self, our hearts pos - sess,
 in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide;

when, to their long - ing eyes re - stored,
 those scars their sol - emn wit - ness gave
 that we may give you all our days
 your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield

the glad a - pos - tles saw their Lord.
 that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
 the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 from ev - ery weap - on death can wield.

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator God.
Our hearts are troubled. All our hearts are troubled.
We would rather not trouble you with our hearts,
nor would we trouble each other.
We would rather build walls to defend them.
Strong walls of words and thoughts
and postures and actions.
But then our backs bend
and our walls collapse from the weight.**

**We confess our need
to bring our troubled hearts to you
and to open them to each other.
Thank you that your shoulders won't bend
and that you know how to heal.
Thank you that our brothers and sisters
carry your love in caring for our hearts.**

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

Read from the the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**HYMN OF PRAISE

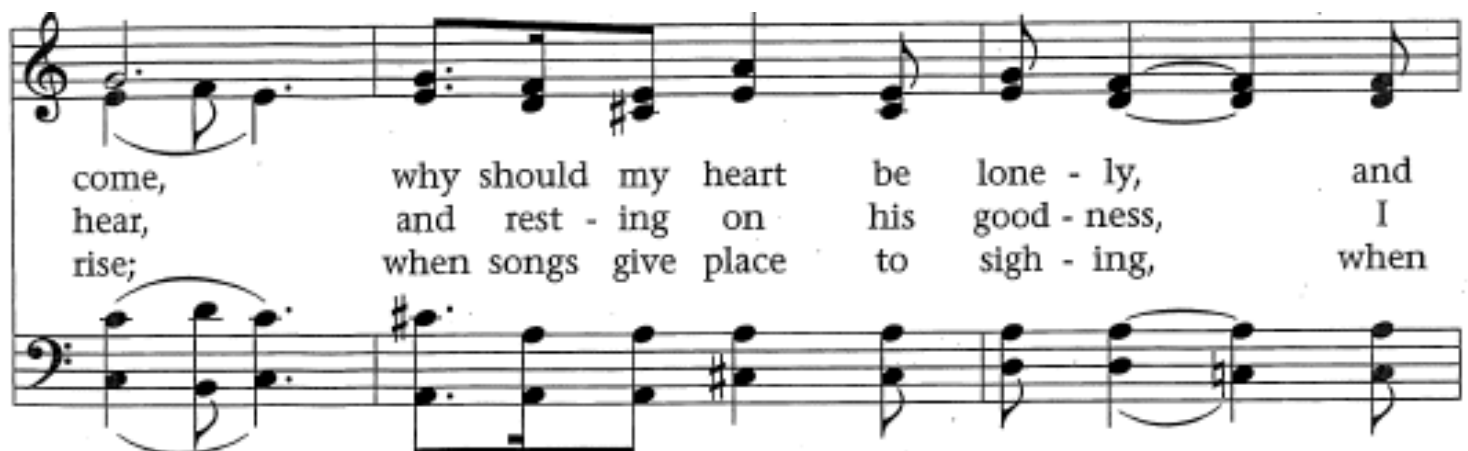
His Eye is on the Sparrow

C.H. Gabriel, arr. H.C. Boyer

Words: Civilla D. Martin, P.D.
Music (SPARROW 7.6.7.6.7.6.7.7.7.7 refrain 7.6.8.7): Charles H. Gabriel; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer © 1982
Horace Clarence Boyer



1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, why should the sha-dows
2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I
3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a -



come, why should my heart be lone-ly, and
hear, and rest-ing on his good-ness, I
rise; when songs give place to sigh-ing, when

G7 C

long for heaven and home; when Je - sus is my
lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he
hope with - in me dies, I draw the clos - er

G7 C F Dm7

por - tion? My con - stant Friend is he;
lead - eth, but one step I may see;
to him, from care he sets me free;

G C G7 C G7

his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me;

his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.

I sing be - cause I'm hap - py, I sing be - cause I'm free;
 for his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SECOND READING

John 14:1-14

Read from the the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

(Silence for personal reflection)

***HYMN OF APPROACH**

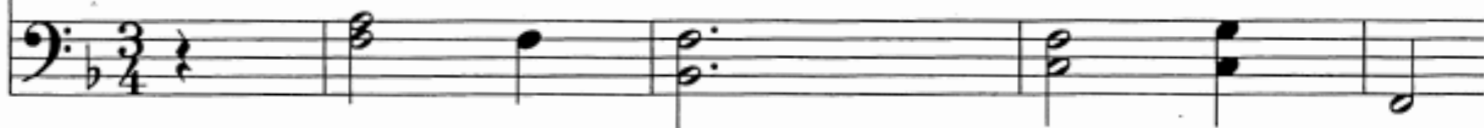
As We Gather at Your Table

BEACH SPRING

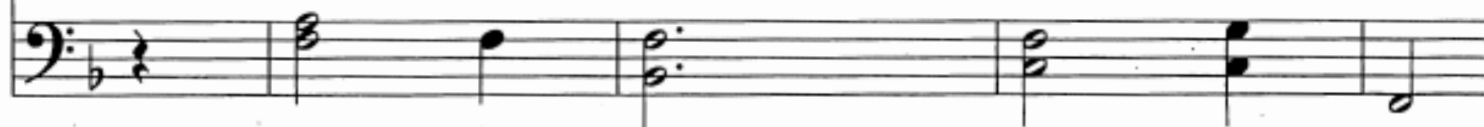
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 MUSIC: Attr. B. F. White (1800-1879), *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)
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1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



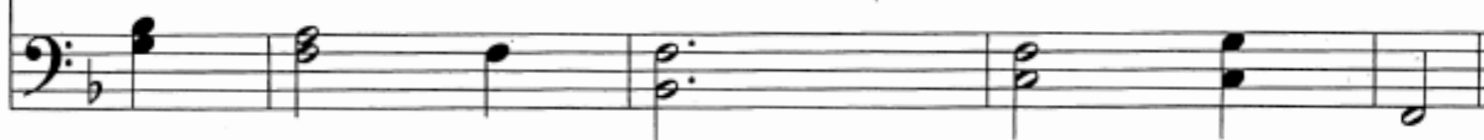
help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.



GATHERING AT THE TABLE

***The Passing of the Peace**

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty

from there he shall come to judge

the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic* Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic means the church universal or the church for all time*

The Bread

The Cup

All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The communion offering for the month of May is designated to the Youth Summer Team Fund.

Offertory

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Vernon Charter

***New Doxology**

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

***Prayer of Gratitude**

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

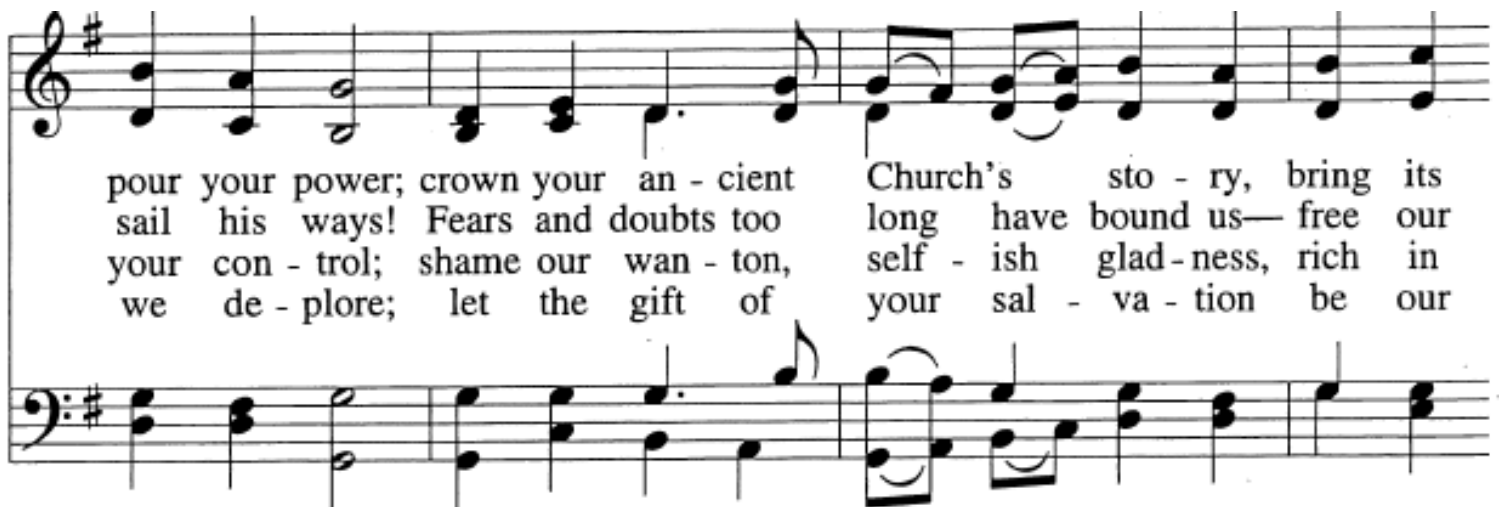
God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA


WORDS: Harry E. Fosdick (1878-1969), alt.
MUSIC: John Hughes (1873-1932)



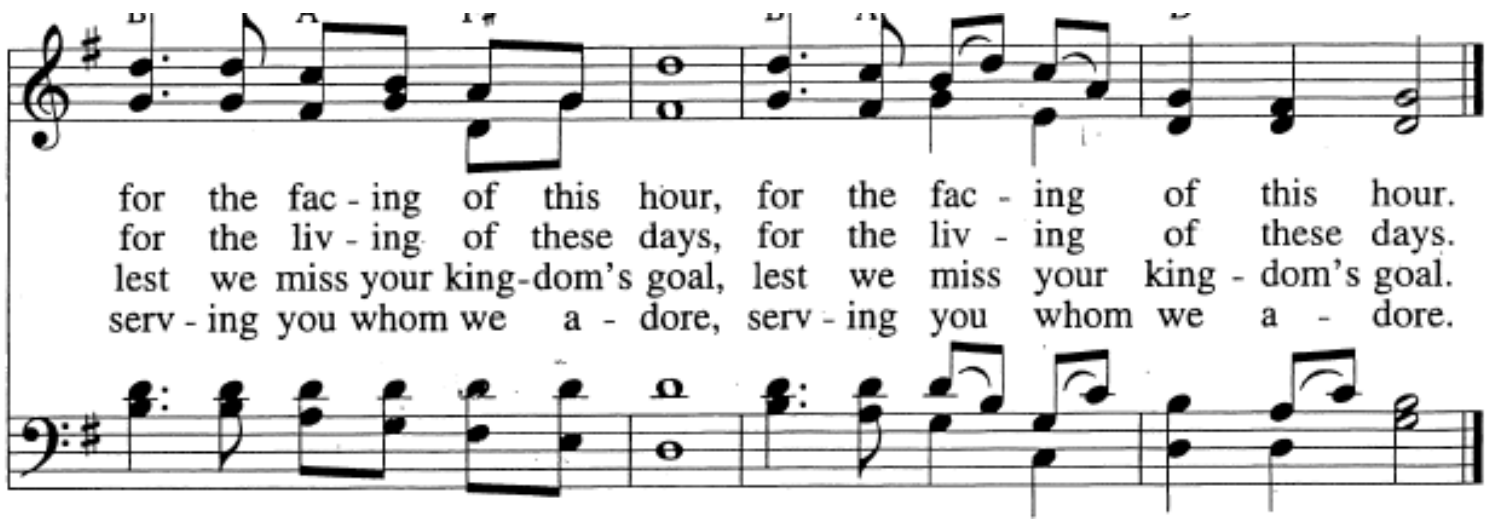
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -
3 Heal your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your power; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry, bring its
sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us— free our
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world – begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Praise Him, Praise Him

arr. Vernon Charter

Based on the final movement of J.S. Bach's French Suite No. 5

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Grant McIntyre;

Scripture Reading - Samson Ntambara, Sandra Beckman;

Communion Preparation - Darren & Lynn Martin;

Guest Pianist - Adrienne Eymundson;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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FBC Ministry Team:

Rev. Jeremy Keay, Senior Minister

Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families

Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music

Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist (away)

As we attempt to provide comfortable spaces for all and we have some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.

— FBC Council